

9 FAM Appendix C, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	ONE	15 DAYS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCES AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-289; 06-04-2001)

Presidential Proclamation No. 942 dated October 25, 1994.

Information on Availability of Official Records

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

Because of the war in Bosnia, many civil offices have been destroyed or closed. Official records are frequently unavailable.

Nonofficial Visas

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

Individuals in the following categories appear to be subject to 212(f) procedures and would require automatic referral to the Department through a VISAS DONKEY security advisory opinion before a visa could be issued. They include:

Members of the authorities, including legislative authorities, in those areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the control of Bosnian Serb forces; officers of the Bosnian Serb military and parliamentary forces; and those acting on behalf of such authorities or forces;

Persons found, after September 23, 1994, to have provided financial material, logistical, military, or other tangible support to Bosnian Serb forces in violation of relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions;

Persons in, or resident in, those areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the control of Bosnian Serb forces found to have violated or contributed to the violation of the measures set out in United Nations Security Council resolution 820 on April 17, 1993, and United Nations Security Council Resolution 942 of September 23, 1994.

Official Visas

VISAS BEAR Security Advisory Opinion Requests

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

A Visas Bear telegram must be submitted for A, C-3, and G (except G-4) visa applications. When a Visas Bear security advisory opinion has been requested, the Department's response is required prior to visa issuance.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

May not be available. A certificate (uverenje) issued by the Secretariat for Internal Affairs (Sekretariat za Unutrasnje Poslove) office having jurisdiction over a person's permanent residence shows whether the applicant has been convicted of any crimes and the articles of law involved. A similar document issued by the public prosecutor (javni tuzilac) of the district shows only if the person is currently under investigation; this document is, therefore, not a substitute for the police certificate.

Police certificates can be obtained from Yugoslav embassies for Yugoslav citizens who request them. Non-Yugoslav citizens must request Yugoslav police certificates through their own embassy, which will relay the request to the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

May not be available. A statement of the time spent in a correctional institution can be obtained from the prison in which a person was confined. It does not contain a report of his demeanor during imprisonment.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

Unavailable.

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

May not be available. Birth (Izvod iz Maticne Knjige Rodjenih), marriage (Izvod iz Maticne Knjige Vencanih) and death certificates, (Izvod iz Maticne Knjige Umrlih) are available from the civil registrar (maticar) having jurisdiction over the locality where the event occurred. The fact that a marriage took place by proxy is not usually evident from the marriage certificate. Prior to May 10, 1946, these records were maintained by church authorities, except in the Vojvodina, where civil records were kept. Since that date, only civil marriages have been legal. The church documents are entitled Izvod iz Knjiga za upisivanje rodjenih i krstenih (birth certificate), Smrtni List (Death certificate), and Vencani List (marriage certificate). Many records, particularly in the Republics of Macedonia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, were destroyed during the Second World War and reconstructed afterwards.

Divorce Certificate

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

May not be available. Copies of divorce judgments are available from the district court (okruzni sud) which decided the case. A divorce certificate is typewritten and headed "In the name of the People" (U ime naroda). Since May 10, 1976, only divorces obtained through the civil courts have been legal. Prior to this date, divorces granted by church authorities were also recognized except in the Vojvodina.

Other Records

(TL:VISA-270; 05-03-2001)

Passports—The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina has begun issuing new tourist, official and diplomatic passports. Following the Swiss example, the text throughout is in four languages: Bosnia and Croatian (Latin alphabet), Serbian (Cyrillic), and English. This will allow the same passport books to be issued to all ethnic groups. Previously, Republika Srpska distributed passports in Cyrillic script, and Federation passport authorities offered a choice of almost identical "Croatian" or "Bosnian" language versions.

This machine-readable passport incorporates state of the art technology to combat fraud. The photo page is safeguarded by a colorful hidden image of the Bosnian crest in a diminishing left to right repetitive series that is visible only under a black-light. The bearer's photo is photo-digitized and doubly protected from tampering by a global image imprinted on the lower left corner and initials "BiH" appear above the photo. A watermark of the Bosnian crest is visible over the date and place of issue.

The front cover is dark blue with gold lettering and features a gold and blue version of the national crest bisected by a diagonal row of seven stars. The inside back and front cover are printed in multicolored ink that fluoresces, and the binding threads are fluorescing blue and yellow, the colors of the Bosnia and Herzegovina flag. Microprinting is included in the wavy design which is carried over from the front to the back cover.

There are 32 pages, and each page numbered is incorporated into the design on each page and printed at the lower right corner. The passport number is perforated into the top of all the pages. When viewed under a black-light, the letters "BiH" in both alphabets appears in the center of the page, and the page number appears on the left and right edges on each page, as well as a random pattern of confetti.

The pages are imprinted with a stylistic map of southern Europe and a diagonal line of stars in the pattern of the Bosnia & Herzegovina flag. The words "Bosna i Hercegovina" repeat in both Latin and Cyrillic script, across the pages. An oval is incorporated into the lower center of the page, with a smaller size font. Accompanying minor children are included on pages 30 and 31.

The new passports will replace the old versions over a two year period. The new edition has a validity period of five years.

Identity card—May not be available. All residents of Yugoslavia who have reached their eighteenth birthday must carry an identity card (Licna Karta) issued by the Secretariat for Internal Affairs (Sekretarijat za Unutrasnje Poslove). It contains the photograph, date and place of birth, and address of the bearer. Statement of unmarried status may not be available. The civil registrar (maticar) having jurisdiction over a person's residence will issue a certificate (uverenje) stating that the applicant is not married.

NOTE: Non-residents must apply for these documents through a Yugoslav diplomatic mission. They are unlikely to receive a reply if they write directly to the issuing office. Yugoslav consular offices throughout the world are supplied with the appropriate forms for obtaining civil documents. The request will be forwarded to the Yugoslav Secretariat for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the office responsible for the issuance of the required document. The document will then be returned to the applicant via the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs and the Yugoslav Diplomatic Mission overseas. The above procedure can be lengthy. All applicants are encouraged to attempt, at the same time, to obtain the required documents through a family member, friend or lawyer residing in Yugoslavia, who could apply personally at the office which issues them.

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

NIV services for citizens and permanent residents of Bosnia only are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo.

IV services are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb.

Address: APO AE 09213-1345

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

(TL:VISA-241; 03-12-2001)

All of Bosnia and Herzegovina only for areas controlled by the Bosnian Government or Bosnia-Croat Confederation.